

Senate File 311 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act exempting school districts and attendance centers
- 2 maintaining a year around school calendar from the school
- 3 start date limitation and aid reduction penalty provisions.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.17, Code 2015, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **257.17 Aid reduction for early school starts.**

4 1. State aid payments made pursuant to section 257.16 for
5 a fiscal year shall be reduced by one one-hundred-eightieth
6 for each day of that fiscal year for which the school district
7 begins school before the earliest ~~starting~~ school start date
8 specified in section 279.10, subsection 1. ~~However, this~~
9 2. This section does not apply to a school district that
10 has received approval from the director of the department of
11 education under section 279.10, subsection 4, to commence
12 classes for regularly established elementary and secondary
13 schools in advance of the ~~starting~~ earliest school start
14 date established in section 279.10, subsection 1, or to a
15 school district or to a school district attendance center
16 that maintains a year around, three-semester, or the quarter
17 equivalent, school calendar under section 279.10, subsection 5.
18 3. For a school district in which one or more attendance
19 centers maintain a school calendar as provided in section
20 279.10, subsection 5, the department of management shall
21 prorate the reduction made pursuant to subsection 1 to account
22 only for the district's attendance centers that are not exempt
23 from the aid reduction requirements of this section.

24 Sec. 2. Section 279.10, Code 2015, is amended by adding the
25 following new subsection:

26 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. A school district or school district
27 attendance center that maintains a year around, three-semester,
28 or the quarter equivalent, school calendar is exempt from the
29 school start date limitation established in subsection 1.

30 EXPLANATION

31 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
32 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

33 This bill exempts a school district or school district
34 attendance center from the school start date limitation
35 established in Code section 279.10(1) if the school district or

1 an attendance center maintains a year around, three-semester,
2 or the quarter equivalent, school calendar. The bill modifies
3 the school aid reduction penalty provision in Code section
4 257.17 to exempt from the penalty such school districts and
5 attendance centers, and directs the department of management to
6 prorate the reduction to account only for attendance centers
7 within a school district that are not exempt from the school
8 aid reduction requirements.